

FACT SHEET

Topic: Adoption Services and Adoption Subsidy

Purpose:

- The Adoption Services Program goal is to place children in adoption as quickly as possible following termination of parental rights.
- Whenever possible, these placements are with families who already have an existing relationship or attachment to the child (relatives/foster parents) and siblings are placed together in an adoptive home.
- The Adoption Subsidy Program provides financial support and/or medical subsidy to adoptive families to encourage the placement of special needs children who have been in Michigan's foster care program. Adoption subsidy is a necessary tool to assist special needs children in achieving a permanent home.

Priority: Permanency

Outcome: 2,469 FIA and private adoption agency finalized adoptions in FY 2003. *

Major Talking Points:

- Of children adopted in FY 2003:
 - Relatives adopted 38%.
 - Foster parents adopted 55%.
 - Recruited families adopted 7%.
- Of the children who entered foster care as part of a sibling group, 79% were adopted with some or all of their siblings.
- Approximately 6,200 children are in the FIA foster care system and have their parents' rights terminated.
 - Only about 4,500 children have a goal of adoption.
 - The rest are predominantly older youth who are satisfied with their placements and don't wish to be adopted (those 14 and older have that option).
- In FY 2003 there were more than 22,915 adoption subsidy cases

How it works:

- The Adoption Services Program provides services to children whose parental rights have been terminated due to child abuse or neglect and to families who want to adopt.
- Services are provided either directly by local FIA office adoption staff or through adoption purchase of service contracts with approximately 50 private Michigan child-placing agencies.
- Children receiving adoption services are in foster care and generally have special needs that make finding an appropriate adoptive home more challenging (i.e. they are older children, a member of a racial minority, part of a sibling group that should be placed together, or they have physical, mental or emotional impairments).
- The Adoption Services Division is responsible for adoption, adoption contract management, the adoption subsidy and medical subsidy programs, Central Adoption Registry and the Michigan Children's Institute (MCI).

Partners: Approximately 50 Michigan private adoption agencies.

Numbers: (See [Attachments](#))

Sources of Financing:

- Federal Title IVE
- TANF
- State Funds

Cost: FY 2003 Adoption Subsidy Expenses - \$192 million

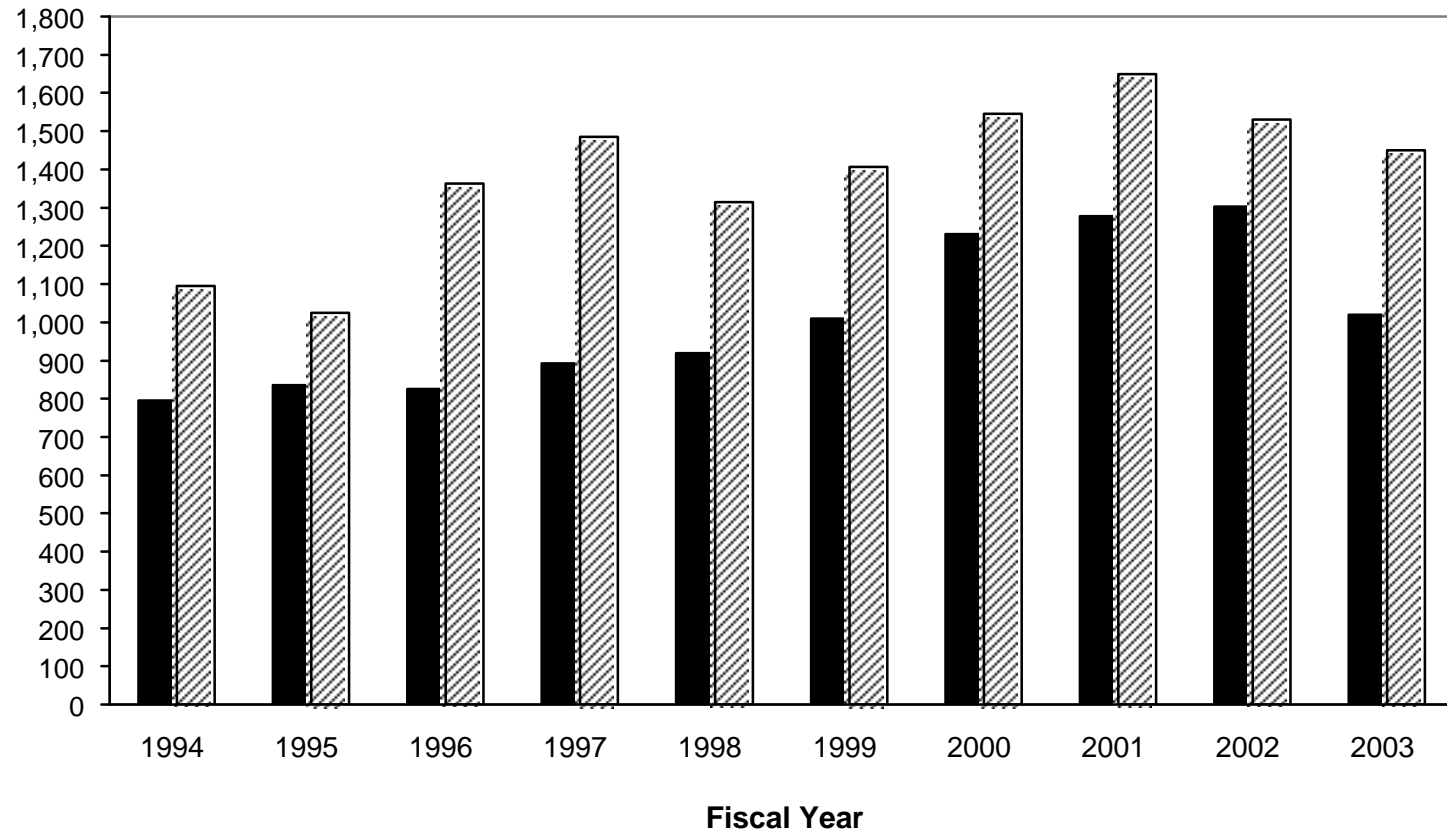
* This is a preliminary number for FY 2003.

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ADOPTIVE PLACEMENTS

Number Of Placements Per Fiscal Year: 1994 - 2003

Placements



■ FIA	795	835	826	893	919	1,010	1,230	1,278	1,303	1,019
▨ Private Agency	1,095	1,025	1,363	1,485	1,314	1,407	1,545	1,649	1,530	1,450
Total	1,890	1,860	2,189	2,378	2,233	2,417	2,775	2,927	2,833	2,469

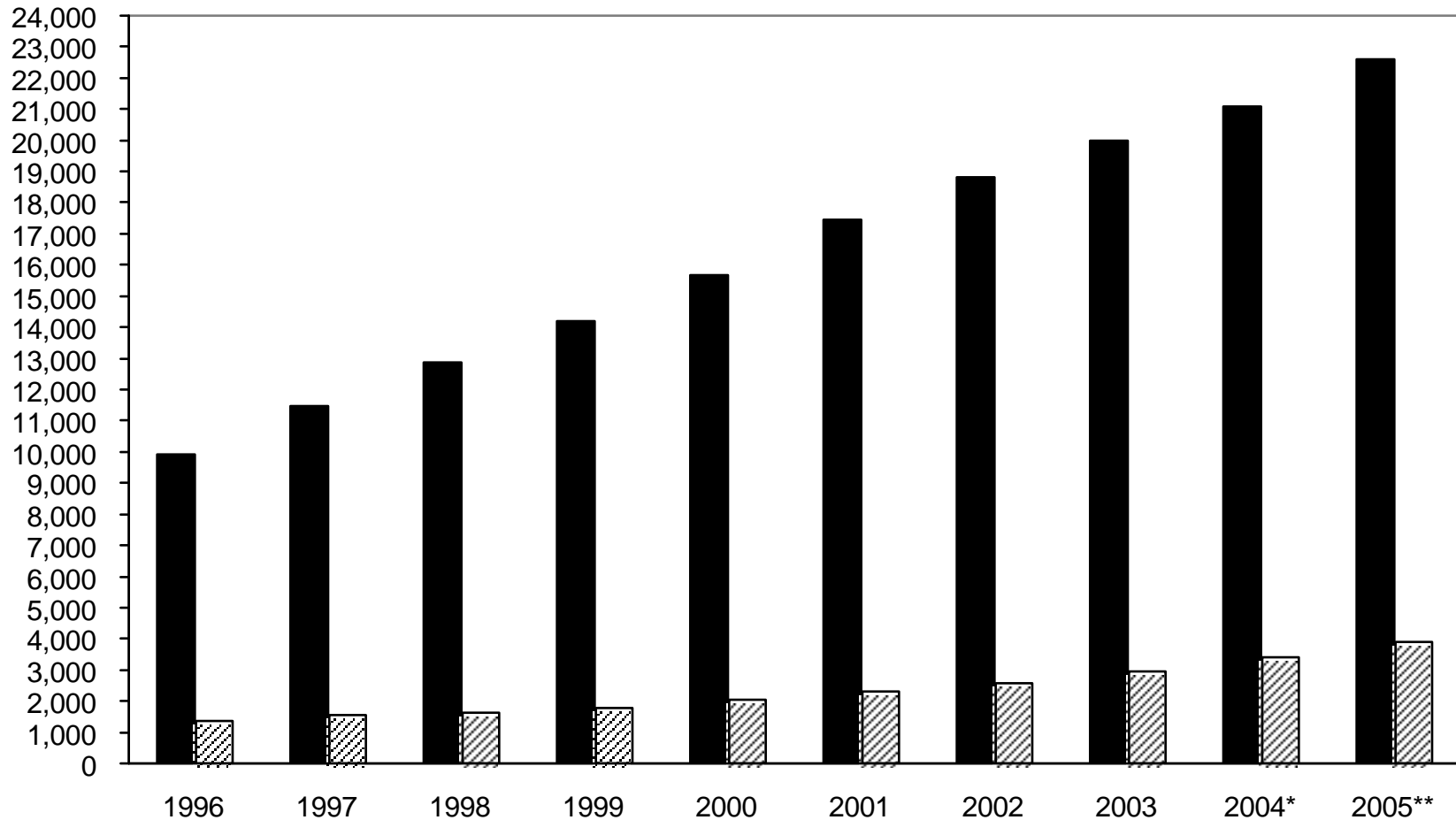
- Beginning in FY 1998, FIA started reporting finalized* adoptive placements. Adoptive placements increased by 152 (5.5%) from FY 2000 to FY 2001 (2,775 vs. 2,927), however from FY 2002 to FY 2003 the adoptive placements decreased by 366 or 12.9% (2,833 vs. 2,469).

* The court has issued a final order confirming the adoption and has dismissed court wardship.

ADOPTION SUBSIDY CASES

FY 1996 - FY 2005

Number of Cases



 Federal	9,935	11,455	12,880	14,203	15,662	17,456	18,819	19,995	21,100	22,600
 State	1,359	1,534	1,633	1,779	2,036	2,308	2,567	2,942	3,400	3,900
Total	11,294	12,989	14,513	15,982	17,698	19,764	21,386	22,937	24,500	26,500

* SBO Projection.

** Executive Budget recommendation.